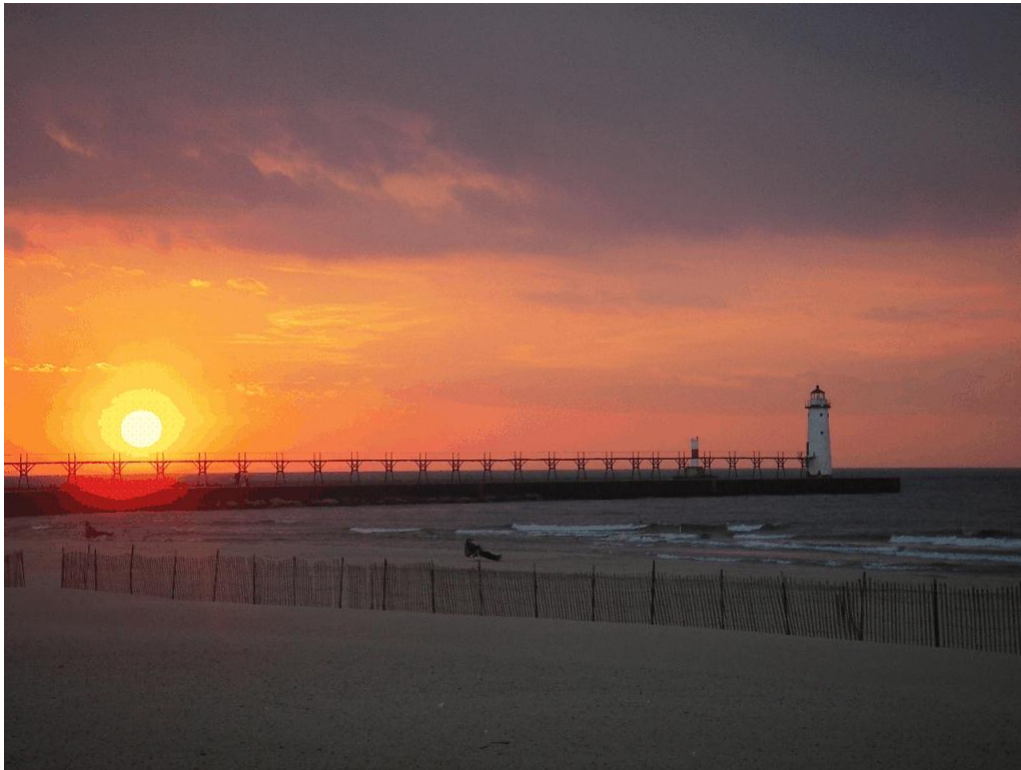




## 2006 HIGHLIGHTS



# A Message from the City Manager . .

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2006 has been a year of much activity. After five years of discussion and referendum votes, the City finally broke ground on expanding the Wastewater Treatment Plant from a 1.0 to a 1.3 million gallons a day plant. With the plant expansion the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality removed the sewer main extension moratorium. Both actions were good news for the community.

Project accomplishments for 2006, whereas not as vast as 2005, have set the ground work for a very busy 2007. Main accomplishments this year include finalizing the City Hall punch list, completing the engineering for the electrical upgrade of the Maple Street Bridge, replacement of more than 900 sidewalk squares and five failing crosswalks on River Street, as well as beginning a multi-year process of developing, funding and installing wayfinding signs throughout the City.

Manistee continues to be incredibly successful on receiving grants. In 2006 the City received \$70,000 in Local Revenue Sharing Board grants, \$345,000 in Federal appropriations for the Maple Street Bridge, more than \$580,000 for upgrades to the old US-31 truck route, \$85,000 from the Help America Vote Act, and finally the City has been notified that an additional \$500,000 has been allocated for the Maple Street Bridge electrical upgrades from the State Local Bridge Program.

Several large projects are on the horizon for the City which will receive various degrees of community support. Quite possibly the most contentious will be the proposed purchase agreement with Wal-Mart Real Estate to sell 19.48 acres of former landfill property for \$100,000 per acre. Following in a close second are the efforts of the Man-Made Lake Ad Hoc Committee to purchase Man-Made Lake property for the community and the community-driven effort to replace the Fifth Avenue Beach Bathhouse.

The entire Community should be proud of the accomplishments in 2006, what a year! I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2007.

## Mitchell D. Deisch, City Manager

### CONSTRUCTION

1. Worked on punch list items from City Hall Renovations including: drywall/painting, heating/cooling system, elevator, exterior doors, door hardware, concrete, roof drain, etc. Punch list items will be completed in the spring of 2007. Received a Uniqueness Committee Building Recognition Award in May. City Hall tours were included in the annual Lakeside Club Tour of Homes.
2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion - Moving ahead to expand the WWTP from 1.0 mgd to a 1.3 mgd facility. Additional engineering performed by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber. Completed SRF application process and User Charge System review. Pre-bid conference held in April. Construction contract awarded to DeVere Construction in the amount of \$2,282,000. Construction began in July, with project completion scheduled for January/February 2007. With new plant expansion, MDEQ removed sewer extension moratorium.



*Department Directors Tour WWTP Plant Expansion Project.*

3. Maple Street Bridge Electrical Upgrades: Received Federal DOT Grant of \$345,000, costs higher than anticipated, applied for Local Agency Bridge funds and received \$500,000. RFQ for engineering firm, Hardesty & Hanover chosen, approved Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement and MDOT Authorizing Resolution. Preliminary Engineering Contract cost is \$174,988, estimated cost for complete upgrade is 1.2 million dollars. Engineering for the renovation will be completed in 2006. Phase I construction scheduled for spring 2007. Phase II scheduled for fall of 2008 / spring of 2009.

4. Worked with Harbor Village to move existing water line and hydrants into easement on Spinnaker Drive.
5. Riverwalk repairs bid awarded to Marshall Cooper, completed in May. Addressed structural issue behind the Cedar Street Motel.
6. Addressed Third Avenue cul-de-sac drainage issue, options prepared by the City Engineer. Decision to reconstruct, City crews prepared the area for paving. Project completed in May 2006.
7. 2005-06 Sidewalk Program bids awarded to Joseph A.A. Helminski in the amount of \$29,256 and completed by the beginning of August. Contractor replaced 475 squares of sidewalk.
8. 2006-07 Sidewalk Program bids awarded to Port City Concrete in the amount of \$30,000 and completed by the end of September. Contractor replaced 451 squares of sidewalk.
9. Applied for and received LRSB grant in the amount of \$22,000 for Fifth Avenue Beach decking in 2005. Bids were received, contract revised to include additional decking. Joseph A.A. Helminski will purchase, construct 32 sections of decking, and deliver to the City DPW for a not to exceed cost of \$22,000. City will do site preparation. Walkway will be installed spring/summer of 2007.
10. Completed cosmetic repairs at the Municipal Marina including reglazing the showers and countertops, glass partitions, painting and new fixtures. Installed new grinder / sewer pump.
11. Bids were received for the 2006 Crosswalk Replacement Program. Bid was awarded to Joseph A.A. Helminski Construction in the amount of \$25,948 for the replacement of five crosswalks and completion of the Christmas Tree circle. Work was completed in June.
12. Worked with the Beautification Committee and the Rotary Club on their low level lighting project at First Street Beach. Due to increased costs the number of lights was reduced to eight. DPW crews assisted.
13. Worked with the Beautification Committee and the Rotary Club on replacing block wall at First Street Beach. One section will be an art wall. Project to be completed in 2007.
14. Completed first phase of Wayfinding Signage Program. Signs were installed in July at First & Division, First & Maple, First & Cedar, Monroe & Washington, Memorial parking lot and City Hall. After installation, it was decided that a larger font will be required for the next phases.

15. Installed french drain and rolled curb on Ninth Street at US-31 to control storm water runoff.
16. Installed rolled curb on Birch Street at Bryant Avenue to control storm water runoff.
17. Created new parking lot at the Fire Hall with grant funds, significantly increasing space for parking during elections. Reid Excavating supplied the low bid of \$6,677.60. DPW assisted with labor and equipment. Installed handicap accessible automatic door on Fire Station to meet voting requirements.
18. Began discussions with Michigan Department of Transportation to develop options for the intersection at US-31 and Memorial Drive. MDOT will conduct public hearings. Planned for construction in 2008.
19. Investigated Ninth/Center/Davis street area regarding residential flooding. Blocked off two catch basins near St. Joe Church, which has helped. Continue to research other ideas.
20. Installed three new sodium lights on Greenbush Street for greater lighting and visibility.
21. Installed new roof for Lighthouse Park restrooms.
22. Made temporary repairs to the Teen Center roof. Roof will be replaced in 2007 with a \$5,000 grant received from the Local Revenue Sharing Board.



*Maple Street Bridge Upgrades Pending / Freighter Approaching Bridge*



## GOVERNANCE

23. 2006 - 2007 Fiscal Budget was approved. The Budget included a \$4,892,822 General Fund budget. Millage was set at 16.9457 mills for the General Fund and 1.5 mills for the Refuse Fund. There was a 5% rate adjustment to water and sewer, \$2.16 and \$4.32 per 1,000 gallons respectfully. Created and funded a Capital Improvement Fund. More attention was paid to involving the City Council and public in discussions prior to public hearings. Extensive discussions on millage rates versus service levels to implement recommendations of the Millage Audit Committee. Conducted one public hearing and three Council work sessions. Resulted in most user friendly and comprehensive budget document ever produced.
2. The June 30, 2006 Audit was received and presented to the City Council on December 19, 2006. The audit shows a General Fund Balance of \$1,206,658 - a decline of \$49,842.
3. Four Council seats were up for election in November: First District Colleen Kenny; Third District Robert Hornkohl; Fifth District Hank Yonkman; Seventh District Alan Marshall. All ran unopposed and were re-elected. At their Organizational Meeting in November, Council elected Cynthia Fuller as Mayor and Robert Goodspeed as Mayor Pro-Tem.
4. Health Insurance Reform: in response to Millage Audit, employee groups/committee, non-union accepted proposed options effective July 1, 2006, USW and IAFF accepted in collective bargaining agreements. Streamlined administration of cafeteria plans. Discussions will commence in late 2006 with POAM and COAM unions.
5. Contracted with Northwest Michigan College - MTEC to conduct a Citizen Service Survey at a cost of \$14,900. Dr. Cathlyn Sommerfield presented survey results to the City Council on June 13. Results will help guide staff in evaluating department services.
6. Council / Manager participated in the March MML Legislative Conference.
7. Council / Manager participated in the MML Regional Meeting in May.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Mack and City Manager participated in the MML Annual Conference in September. Manistee participated in the MML Scholarship Silent Auction with a walking stick prepared by Ken Jilbert. Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Mack was the City's voting delegate.
9. In early 2006, EDO Director Eric Nyman resigned. An interim team of Renee Ihlenfeldt and Tim Ervin was contracted by the EDO Advisory Board to review the office operation, look at best practices of successful EDO offices, and make future recommendations to the EDO Office. Plans for permanently filling the EDO Executive Director position will be completed in



January 2007. MECCA reorganized into an Executive Board, EDO Advisory Committee and the Chamber Advisory Committee. Conducted Focus Group Discussion with EDO regarding economic development strategies.

10. Recodification of Ordinances completed for 2003, 2004 and 2005.
11. Conducted Mayors Exchange Program with the City of Hastings in May / June. This is an annual opportunity to learn and network with other Michigan municipalities. Next year's Mayors Exchange will be with the City of Alma.
12. Met with Fifth Avenue residents regarding concerns on tennis courts, NIA building, parking lot berm and playground equipment. Decision was made to not remove the berm.



*Council met with Fifth Avenue Residents Regarding Berm & Proposed Bathhouse.*

13. Participating in ongoing EnVision Manistee Program with the Manistee County Community Foundation. Numerous Staff and Councilmembers are participating in this envisioning process. Provided \$5,000 funding toward Small Town Design Initiative. MSU architect students will work to develop concepts/ideas.
14. Continued to work with and require that all Boards and Commissions develop bylaws. Developed a template covering the basic requirements. New and amended bylaws should be reviewed by City Administration and adopted by the City Council.
15. Created Ramsdell Theatre Governing Authority to address staffing, utilities, budget impacts, revise rent schedule and building management. Phase II Master Plan completed in late fall 2006.
16. Three elections were held in 2006: School Election in May, August Primary, and the General Election in November. Conducted and participated in election training.
17. Manistee Downtown Development Authority hosted the annual MDA conference at the Ramsdell Theatre in July.
18. Manistee hosted the Michigan Association of Mayors Conference in August at the Ramsdell Theatre.
19. Participated / assisted in annual festivals and events including the new Good Thunder Motorcycle Rally in July.
20. Continued regular meetings with legislators: Representative David Palsrok and Senator Michelle McManus.
21. Liquor License Transfers:  
350 River Street - New Entertainment Permit  
City of Milwaukee - Lost Liquor License due to Failure to Act
22. Policies:  
Adopted New Social Security Number Privacy Policy  
Employee Handbook Rewrite (not yet completed)  
Schedule of Fees - Increase Charge for Weed Cutting  
Amended Sale of Property Policy
23. Ordinance Amendments:  
06-01 New Zoning Ordinance and Map

## 06-02 2006 SRF Water and Sewer Bond Ordinance

### 24. Resolutions / Proclamations:

- 06-01 Poverty Exemption Guidelines
- 06-02 MDNR Harbor & Docks, Engineering Study
- 06-03 Maintenance Agreement for DDA District
- 06-04 Approve Brownfield Plan, Bay Condominiums
- 06-05 Approve Grant Application, MCACA
- 06-06 Intent to Create Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- 06-07 Approve Grant Application, MDOT Category F
- 06-08 Local Control of Cable Franchise Agreement
- 06-09 Special License, Manistee County Sport Fishing
- 06-10 Change Voting Location, Seventh District
- 06-11 Tentatively Award Bid, WWTP Expansion Project
- 06-12 Local Agency Bridge Grant Application
- 06-13 Establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- 06-14 Budget Amendment 2006-01
- 06-15 Liquor License Entertainment Permit, Mike's River Street Station
- 06-16 Revised Schedule of Fees, Weed Cutting
- 06-17 Authorize Contract with MDOT, Maple Street Bridge
- 06-18 Vacate 121 feet of Third Street East of Elm Street
- 06-19 Support Harbor and Port Maintenance / Dredging
- Support ISD Grant Application for Fiber Optic Route Study

*Council Bus Tour - Visit to Teen Center*



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

24. Responded to inquiries for development at the former General Chemical site. Worked with paper pellet firm, dealt with blowing debris and fire suppression issues - request withdrawn. Worked with wood pellet firm - request withdrawn. Significant staff time and energy was spent in 2006 to redevelop the General Chemical property.
25. Received request from Sand Products Corporation for a PUD. Re-energized ad hoc Man-Made Lake Committee. Movement to find funds to buy berm property from Sand Products Corporation at a cost of 3.15 million dollars. Planning Commission denied PUD appeal to Sand Products Corporation. SPC filed legal documents in Circuit Court to challenge the Planning Commission's decision.
26. Redevelopment Committee created to discuss OPRA, NEZ, and tax abatement policies.
27. Drafted in house Developer's Resource Guide to assist in responding to development inquiries at Renaissance Park, Brownfields, etc. Sold lot 3 in Renaissance Park to Metal-Line Corporation, required to create between 3-6 new jobs. Provided lot 6 in Renaissance Park, along with financial incentives to Northpoint Precision Inc., with their creation of 15 jobs. Working to create the required 22 (51% low to moderate jobs) to convert Federal CDBG loan to a grant.  
*Metal-Line Construction in Renaissance Park*
28. Community Development Director Jon Rose and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Environmental Planner Frank Beaver attended the National Brownfield Conference in Boston. The convention is jointly sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the International City Managers Association. All costs for Rose's



attendance were covered by the City's USEPA grant.



Jon Rose  
& Frank  
Beaver  
with  
Peninsula



*Redevelopment Poster.*

29. Beautification Committee presented awards to commercial and residential winners in June, July and August.
30. Working with the Jaycees and other community groups / individuals to develop a new beachhouse at Fifth Avenue Beach. Scaled the project down to lower costs, applied for Cycle II LRSB grant and received \$15,000, working with construction management firm, consolidating material and in kind services, donations. Goal is for project to be completed in 2007.
31. Continue to work with Parks Department and Downtown Development Authority on increased / improved public property maintenance. DDA committed \$18,000 annually for the repair, replacement and enhancement of capital assets in the CBD, City will provide seasonal employees dedicated to this area. Significant improvements made in 2006. DDA entered into an agreement with Renaissance West as a contractual employee.
32. Beautification Committee undertook a sculpture program/display at the Municipal Marina. Applications have already been received for a similar program next year.

33. Negotiated a one year extension to convert CDBG loan into a grant with the MEDC for Renaissance Park until June 30, 2006. Again, working to change the loan to a grant based upon new businesses in Renaissance Park.
34. Worked with Mark & Christine Chmura, new owners of Hokanson's property, regarding sewer outfall and dock issues. Survey revealed that docks and outfall were placed on private property. Additional docks in the area were on City property by mistake. Residential riverfront lease was terminated with Michael Moran for \$10,000. City purchased an easement from Chmuras for \$10,000, which will allow the outfall to remain at its current location. Cost for making improvements to the outfall will be approximately \$7,500.
35. Straight Fence was awarded a bid of \$15,800 to purchase and plant 100 trees for the 2006 Tree Planting Program.
36. City currently owns 40 acres at the corner of US-31 and Red Apple Road in Filer Charter Township, formerly used as a landfill. Authorized and executed a Land Transaction Agreement with the State of Michigan MDNR for \$79,500 to eliminate a reverter clause transferring the property back to the State. Discussion on sale of City property to Wal-Mart Real Estate for \$100,000 per acre for a total proposed amount of \$1,948,000. Significant public discussion has ensued as to whether or not the City should sell the property. Public hearing conducted 10/3/06. Council action on the proposed purchase agreement in December 2006 or January 2007.
37. Adopted a resolution of intent to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Manistee. Members were appointed and bylaws adopted.
38. Approved River Parc Brownfield Development Agreement. Project has started construction.
39. Approved Bay Condominiums Brownfield Development Agreement. Project has completed demolition and construction has commenced.
40. Approved street vacation request, 121 feet of undeveloped Third Street east of Elm to Peterson/Wickens.
41. Splits & Combinations:  
Gault - Twelfth and Cherry Street  
Guardian Angels Church - Michael Street, three parcels
42. Grant Applications:  
MDNR - Wave Study Reimbursement, \$18,500 - Approved  
MCACA - Ramsdell Theatre Renovations, \$31,800 - Approved  
Small Urban Grant - 8<sup>th</sup> and Kosciusko, \$350,000 - Approved



MDOT Category F Grant - Sibben and Fifth, \$232,000 - Approved  
 Local Agency Bridge Grant - Maple Street Bridge, \$500,000 - Approved  
 Great Lakes Initiative - 12<sup>th</sup> Street Erosion, \$80,000 - Denied  
 Waterways Commission - Marina Dock Project, \$42,000 - Approved  
 HAVA - AutoMARK Ballot Devices & Tables, \$33,960 - Approved  
 HAVA - AccuVote Optical Scan Precinct Tabulators, \$37,496 - Approved  
 HAVA - Fire Hall Automatic Door Opener, \$5,000 - Approved  
 HAVA - Fire Hall Parking Lot, \$8,300 - Approved

Local Revenue Sharing Board: \$13,000 police car equipment, \$7,000 Knox boxes, \$10,000 thermal imaging camera, \$5,000 teen center roof, \$15,000 bathhouse, \$20,000 police car cameras. Over the past five years the City has received \$402,410 in grants from the LRSB.

The City continues to be very successful in drafting and receiving grants.

20. The City of Manistee is completing a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) rental rehabilitation grant for the Central Business District. A total of 15 apartments have been rehabilitated creating a mixed-income, mixed-use neighborhood. Outcomes include utilizing public and private funds in the amount of \$1,014,000 to contribute to neighborhood redevelopment, prevented blight by rehabbing existing housing resources, and partnered with other stakeholders such as the DDA to address the unmet need of underutilized space above retail for buildings in our CBD. The creation of affordable housing in the CBD stimulates pedestrian traffic and provides a balance of affordability gaps as we continue to develop market rate condos. We have preserved our historic heritage by using many of the existing wooden beams and floors that floated down the Manistee River to a local sawmill one hundred years ago that now make these rehabilitated apartments as unique as Manistee. Downtown living...neighborhood feel.
21. Business Registrations:  
 Lady Jane Bed & Breakfast, 355 Second Street  
 The Ideal Kitchen, 421 River Street  
 Kerry's Blinds, 362 First Street  
 Pamela's Interior Design, 82 Division Street  
 Jason Haag, P.C., 75 Oak Street  
 Lakeside Restaurant, 200 Arthur Street  
 Rodeway Inn, 200 Arthur Street  
 The Universal Healing Center, 81 Division Street  
 Good Thunder Motorcycle Co., 184 Veterans Oak Grove Drive  
 RLK Sales, 618 Pine Street  
 Infinity Computer Consultants, 1005 Center Street  
 Port City Flowers & Gifts, 28 Arthur Street  
 Ruthie's Hole in the Wall, 351 River Street  
 Bayside Information Technologies, 292 Seventh Street  
 Stone Rhino Studios, 302 River Street  
 Blue Horizons, 345 First Street  
 Good Thunder Motorcycle Co., 290 Washington Street  
 Pratt's Port City Antiques, 351 River Street

All Star Rent to Own, 537 Cypress Street  
Vogue Theater, River Street

*Riverwalk / Maple Street Bridge*



## OPERATIONS

1. Three out of five Board of Review members and alternate members attended Board of Review school. The Board of Review met in March, July and December hearing valuation, poverty exemption, principal residency and mutual mistake of fact appeals. The Board heard 115 appeals.
2. There were about 3,000 utility personal property appeals pending in the Michigan Tax Tribunal. These appeals were a result of the Michigan State Tax Commission's revision of the depreciation multipliers utilized to determine the true cash value of utility personal property. Detroit Edison, the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, the Department of Treasury, and governmental representatives from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Kent counties agreed to the terms of a global settlement. Thereafter, the City of Manistee was able to settle the Consumers Energy Tax Tribunal appeal for tax years 1999 to 2006 and the Michigan Consolidated Gas appeal from 1997 to 2006. The settlement included some payback of taxes without interest and was achieved with limited attorney costs.
3. The Assessor's Office in partnership with BS&A Software, provided internet access to property record cards, photos, and land and building sketches. Taxpayers can look up their own property free of charge. Other users accessing property record cards and complex searches are charged \$2.00 per parcel. City Council and City employees can utilize the internet access for City business.
4. Received new voting machines (including five for the disabled), purchased 21 collapsible voting boots and purchased ballot duffel bags for easier handling and transportation.
5. Negotiated a new NPDES permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
6. Instituted new auto debit program for the payment of utility bills. Currently 256 customers are using this service.
7. City Engineer working with MDOT on their right-of-way signage program.
8. Approved a one year extension for the Engineer of Record (Wade Trim) contract to provide engineering services. Contract expires in August 2007. City staff will start the process of drafting an RFP to select an Engineer of Record.
9. Police Department implemented shift changes. Shift change is a blend of 12 hour days and 8 hour days. We also went to a single two officer car on midnight shift in order to help control costs. Provided more time off and more consistency in supervision of the road patrol.

10. United States Coast Guard signed a 30 year agreement to rent a slip at the Municipal Marina for their Motor Life Boat.
11. Revised road breakage forms and procedure. Citizen will know potential costs and will continue to make a deposit toward those costs.
12. Approved three year Riverwalk and Parks Maintenance contract with Dufon Landscaping for summer maintenance assistance.
13. David Story received a three year contract for the First Street Beach concession stand at a cost of \$350 per year.
14. Power surges continue at Well 10. Bids were solicited to have well pulled, awarded to Layne-Northern at a cost of \$5,850, motor rebuilt for \$10,000, back on line in June. Costs were covered by insurance due to storm damage.
15. Fire Department participated in annual mock ice rescue training with the Sheriff's Department dive team and the Coast Guard.
16. Fire Department initiated downtown business inspection program.
17. Annual Council bus tour in July reviewed: Central Business District maintenance, Marina restrooms, First Street Beach lighting, Fifth Avenue Beach berm, Man-Made Lake, Ninth Street Launch Ramp, WWTP Expansion Project, Renaissance Park, and the Teen Center.
18. Installed new version of Laser Fiche, trained in February. Developing a format policy, other users will be trained. Currently the City has two full and two retrieval license agreements.
19. Discussed need to draft policy on meeting room responsibilities, after hours usage, and security. City Clerk and City Manager will be drafting.
20. Filed jeopardy tax assessment on Scholle Corporation and General Chemical. Scholle plant closed in spring of 2006.
21. Completed contract negotiations with United Steelworkers until June 30, 2009.
22. Completed contract negotiations with International Association of Firefighters until June 30, 2009.
23. Took aggressive stance on collecting delinquent personal property taxes and purchased a new accounts receivable program for all City invoices to allow for better tracking and statements.
24. Conducted annual spring trash haul. Approximately 928 yards of refuse and 120 yards of white metal goods were collected.

25. Contracted with John Dehlia to remove 90 stumps in the annual removal program.
26. Completed fifth year of beach sampling program with the State of Michigan. City responsible for Man-Made Lake samples. So far Man-Made Lake has not exceeded E-Coli levels.
27. United Way Campaign in the City of Manistee contributed more than \$6,000 toward the 2006 Manistee County Campaign. Sergeant Schmeling ran the campaign for the City.
28. Installed Wi-Fi system at the Municipal Marina.
29. Effectively dealt with increase in vandalism / graffiti. A community service project was scheduled at the North Riverwalk, removing ten bags of garbage from the area. Officer Glass was awarded an outstanding service pin for his graffiti investigation that resulted in multiple arrests.
30. Fire Department staff trained all Morton Employees in the use of fire extinguishers and confined space entry. Morton provided the City with a grant of more than \$1,000 to purchase additional confined space equipment.
31. Spray & Clean submitted the low bid of \$5,348 to power-wash the Riverwalk. Funds were paid out of the Riverwalk Maintenance Fund.
32. Accepted bid from Spray and Clean in the amount of \$8,870 to power-wash and oil treatment of all rails and benches on the Riverwalk.
33. Implemented DPW database to assist in Act 51 reporting.
34. Worked with U.S. Forest Service, National Parks Service, Soil Conservation Districts, Cooperative Extension, Tribe and others to form a four-county Cooperative Weed Management Authority (CWMA). The CWMA is working to control the spread of Garlic Mustard, a highly invasive plant. In cooperation with the Forest Service and Casman Alternative Academy, pulled 40 garbage bags of Garlic Mustard from along the Riverwalk.
35. Radio reads program initiated in the fall of 2006. Approximately 1,000 units were purchased from and will be installed by SLC Corporation. Will take approximately 3-4 years to complete the entire town. Once completed, will greatly increase efficiency of the Water Department.
36. Parks Commission conducted annual bus tour in September.
37. Fire Department hosted annual United Way Chili Cook-Off and netted \$1,450.
38. Entered into a three year agreement with Terrapin Networks as our Information Technology Consultant.

39. Fish Cleaning Station - what a year! Manistee is the place to be for salmon fishing on Lake Michigan. Again this year estimates are that more than 700 tons of fish remains were disposed of at the First Street Beach Fish Cleaning Station. At the suggestion of Councilmember Hank Yonkman, more rinse lines were added to assist fishermen. Great fishing is never problem free. Area fish cleaning stations with grinders experienced problems getting rid of their waste. The City assisted with Allied Waste on this problem. Currently looking at options for improvements, including contract operations similar to that on the concession stand. A meeting will be held in December 2006 to prepare for next year's fishing season.
40. Went out for bid to upgrade the Industrial Park pump station.
41. Went out for bids to complete water treatment and piping adjustments at several of the municipal wells.
42. Equipment Purchases: surveillance camera, chassis for Vactor and Plow Truck, Riding Mower, Vactor Truck, Sweeper, Snowplow Truck, three Patrol Cars.
43. The Police Department named Aldo (Bud) Goodspeed as the department Chaplain replacing Scott Kenaugh who went into active duty with the United States Army.
44. Firefighter Mark Modjeski promoted to Captain.
45. Sergeant Tom Bruce earned his Masters Degree from Spring Arbor University.
46. Officer Lindsay Perkins and Sergeant Steve Schmeling graduated from Spring Arbor with a bachelor's degree.
47. Mark Modjeski attended Fire Officer I training.
48. Jeff Krolczyk and Gary Niesen attended their third and final week of the CMU Michigan Public Works Institute and graduated in 2006.
49. Micky McCann attended the annual week long Mechanic School sponsored by the American Public Works Association.
50. City Manager Mitch Deisch maintained ICMA Credentialed Manager status. Credentialing status requires more than 40 hours of annual training in specific areas. A report on this training is required to be filed with ICMA. Credentialed Manager status was a goal previously set by both the City Manager and the City Council.
51. City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Michelle Wright received professional credential of Certified Public Finance Administrator. To maintain the credential she must remain a member of the Association continuously for five consecutive years and earn the necessary points for re-certification in any combination of Education and Experience Maintenance Standards.

52. Finance Director Ed Bradford and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Michelle Wright graduated from the Central Michigan University Municipal Treasurers Institute.
53. New Hires: Sarah Wojciechowski started her part-time position with the Building Inspector's Office on July 24, 2006 and Jody Banks started her full-time position with the Wastewater Treatment Plant on August 1, 2006. Welcome!
54. David Alward resigned from his position at the WWTP to accept a position out of state.
55. Captain Jerry Tabaczka retired from his position on March 19, 2006 after 31 years of dedicated service as a Firefighter/EMT to the citizens of Manistee.
56. The Police Department strength was reduced by one sworn member with the resignation of Sgt. Thompson. Position was not replaced.

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